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IO	Moscow, Russia (USCIS FIELD OFFICE)	Ongoing	
IO	New Delhi, India (USCIS FIELD OFFICE)	Ongoing	
Circuit Rides in Progress on 01/28/2017			
Division	Location	End Date	Estimated # of Team Members
IO	Cape Town, South Africa (Curtailed as of 01/30/2017)	01/30	4
IO	Indonesia (Continuing to process)	02/10	4
RAD	Vienna, Austria (at US Consulate but postponed for security reasons)	02/24	1
Upcoming Circuit Rides			
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IO	Rabat, Morocco (CANCELLED)	02/01 – 02/04	1
IO	Riyadh, Saudi Arabia (CANCELLED)	02/06 – 02/15	4
IO	Pretoria, South Africa (CANCELLED)	02/07 – 02/23	5
IO	Colombo, Sri Lanka (CANCELLED)	02/13 – 02/17	3
IO	Addis Ababa, Ethiopia (PENDING)	02/22 – 02/22 (1	1

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IO	Ban Don Yang, Thailand (PENDING DECISION)	02/22 – 02/23	2
IO	Islamabad, Pakistan (PENDING DECISION)	02/22 – 03/03	3
IO	Malta (PENDING DECISION)	02/27 – 03/10	3
IO	Tham Hin, Thailand (PENDING DECISION)	02/28 – 03/02	2
IO	Malaysia (PENDING DECISION)	03/13 – 03/17	3
RAD	Burundi (CANCELLED)	1/27 – 2/26	5
RAD	Burundi (PENDING DECISION)	2/25/ - 3/25	5
RAD	Chad (CANCELLED)	2/3-3/17	5
RAD	Chad (CANCELLED)	2/10-3/22	6
RAD	Ethiopia (CANCELLED)	2/5-3/23	9
RAD	Kenya (CANCELLED)	1/30-3/17	13
RAD	Kenya/Ethiopia (PENDING DECISION)	2/27 – 4/14	11
RAD	Tanzania (CANCELLED)	2/12-3/21	12
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RAD	Malaysia/Nepal (PENDING DECISION)	3/9 – 3/26	9
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RAD	Nauru (PENDING DECISION)	3/24-4-28	8
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RAD	El Salvador (CANCELLED)	2/1-3/17	15
RAD	El Salvador (PENDING DECISION)	3/20-5/5	16
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RAD	Honduras (CANCELLED)	2/1-2/25	6
RAD	Vienna, Austria (ONGOING)	1/23-2/24	1
RAD	Vienna, Austria (ONGOING)	3/18-4/20	3
RAD	Trinidad (PENDING DECISION)	3/6-3/15	1
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RAD	Cairo, Egypt (CANCELLED)	2/4-3/21	18
RAD	Baghdad, Iraq (CANCELLED)	2/4-3/23	14
RAD	Baghdad, Iraq (PENDING DECISION)	3/20-5/4	15
RAD	Erbil, Iraq (PENDING DECISION)	3/1-3/17	4
RAD	Tel Aviv, Israel (CANCELLED)	02/04 – 02/24	3
RAD	Amman, Jordan (CANCELLED)	1/29-3/15	26
RAD	Amman, Jordan (PENDING DECISION)	3/12-4/27	25
RAD	Lebanon (CANCELLED)	2/3-3/18	5
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Jordan FY17 Q2					
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RAD Circuit Ride 2 (March 12-April 27)/Team Size 25: PENDING DECISION					
Nationality	# of Cases	Percentage	Religion	# of Cases	Percentage
Iraq	200	23%	Christian	54	6%
Somalia	9	1%	Druze	1	0%
Sudan	25	3%	Muslim	792	93%
Syria	620	73%	Sabeans-Mandean	7	1%

Egypt FY17 Q2					
RAD Circuit Ride (February 4-March 21)/Team Size 18: CANCELLED					
Nationality	# of Cases	Percentage	Religion	# of Cases	Percentage
Iraq	54	9%	Christian	132	22%
Eritria	8	1%	Muslim	454	77%
Ethiopia	11	2%	Sabeans-Mandean	1	0%
Somalia	14	2%	Agnostic	1	0%
South Sudan	23	4%			
Sudan	173	29%			
Syria	305	52%			

Lebanon FY17 Q2					
RAD Circuit Ride 1 (February 3-March 18)/Team Size 5: CANCELLED					
RAD Circuit Ride 2 (March 10-April 8)/Team Size 5: PENDING DECISION					
Nationality	# of Cases	Percentage	Religion	# of Cases	Percentage
Iraq	8	5%	Christian	77	48%
South Sudan	1	1%	Druze	1	1%
Sudan	5	3%	Muslim	84	52%
Syria	148	91%			

IRAQ FY17 Q2					
RAD Circuit Ride 1 Baghdad (February 4-March 23)/Team Size 14: CANCELLED					
RAD Circuit Ride 2 Erbil (March 1-March 17)/Team Size 4: PENDING DECISION					
RAD Circuit Ride 3 Baghdad (March 20-May 4)/Team Size 15: PENDING DECISION					
Nationality	# of Cases	Percentage	Religion	# of Cases	Percentage
Iraq	334	96%	Muslim	293	84%
Palestinian	11	3%	Yazidi	42	12%
			Christian	10	2.8%

Austria FY17 Q2

RAD Circuit Ride 1 (January 23-February 24)/Team Size 1: ONGOING (RAD could send a second team member next weekend –original team was supposed to be 2)

RAD Circuit Ride 2 (March 18-April 20)/Team Size 3: ONGOING (in light of this weekend's decisions)

Nationality	# of Cases	Percentage		Religion	# of Cases	Percentage
Iran	~350	100%		Christian	221	88.4%
				Jewish	4	1.6%
				Bahai	unknown	
				Zoroastrian	25	10%

Israel FY17 Q2					
RAD Circuit Ride (February 2-February 24)/Team Size 3: CANCELLED					
Nationality	# of Cases	Percentage	Religion	# of Cases	Percentage
Eritrea	76	76%	Christian	86	86%
Sudan	21	21%	Muslim	14	14%
Ethiopia	2	2%			
Iraq	1	1%			

Turkey Fy17 Q2					
RAD Circuit Ride 1 (February 6-March 22)/Team Size 28: CANCELLED					
Nationality	# of Cases	Percentage	Religion	# of Cases	Percentage
Afghanistan	36	3.8%	Christians	222	23.5%
Eritrea	1	0.1%	Muslims	592	62.8%
Iran	290	30.8%	No religion	77	8.2%
Iraq	500	53%	Atheist	6	0.63%
Palestine	1	0.1%	Bahai	35	3.7%
Somalia	6	0.63%	Jehovah Witness	1	0.1%
Sudan	1	0.1%	Kakai	4	0.4%
Syria	107	11.4%	Zoroastrians	1	0.1%
Total	942		Yazidi	1	0.1%
			Other	3	0.3%

Note: the last two weeks of the CR has not yet been scheduled. Historically, ICMC does not schedule the last two weeks until the middle of the CR, to allow for expedites, unexpected issues, etc.

Trinidad Fy17 Q2					
RAD Circuit Ride (March 6-March 15)/Team Size 1: PENDING DECISION					
Nationality	# of Cases	Percentage	Religion	# of Cases	Percentage
Syria	5	45%	Christian	5	45%

Nauru Fy17 Q2						
RAD Circuit Ride (January 29-February 25)/Team Size 5: CURRENTLY CANCELLED BUT PENDING DECISION						
Nationality	# of Cases	Percentage		Religion	# of Cases	Percentage
Afghan	17	11%		Muslim	93	63%
Bangladesh	3	2%		Muslim-Christian Converts (Iranians)	55	37%
Burma	21	14%				
Iran	55	37%				
Somali	18	12%				
Pakistani	6	4%				
Sri Lankan	14	9%				
Iraq	8	5%				
Lebanon	5	3%				
Palestine	1	1%				

Tanzania Fy17 Q2						
RAD Circuit Ride February 12-March 21/Team Size 12: CANCELLED						
<u>Nationality</u>	# of Cases	Percentage		<u>Religion</u>	# of Cases	Percentage
Congolese	584	~100%		Christian:	~175	~30%
				Catholic:	~128	~22%
				Methodist:	~105	~18%
				Other Christian denom:	~146	~25%
				Other		~< 5%

Country Malaysia Fy17 Q2					
RAD Circuit Ride (March 9-March 26)/Team Size 9: PENDING DECISION					
Nationality	# of Cases	Percentage	Religion	# of Cases	Percentage
Iraq	12	35%	Muslim	33	97%
Somalia	3	1%			
Sudan	1	1%			
Iran	4	1%			
Syria	2	1%			

Burundi Fy17 Q2					
RAD Circuit Ride 1 (January 27-February 26)/Team Size 5: CANCELLED					
RAD Circuit Ride 2 (February 25-March 25)/Team Size 5: PENDING DECISION					
Nationality	# of Cases	Percentage	Religion	# of Cases	Percentage
Congolese	258	100%	Protestant	126	49%
			Pentecostal	44	17%
			Catholic	41	16%
			Muslim	24	9%
			Methodist	17	7%
			Jehovah's Witness	2	< 1%
			Christian	2	< 1%
			7 th Day Adventist	1	< 1%
			Other	1	< 1%

Chad Fy17 Q2					
RAD Circuit Ride 1 (February 3-March 17)/Team Size 5: CANCELLED					
RAD Circuit Ride 2 (February 10-March 22)/Team Size 6: CANCELLED					
Nationality	# of Cases	Percentage	Religion	# of Cases	Percentage
Sudanese	419	67%	Muslim:	533	85%
CAR	204	33%	Catholic:	36	6%
Total	623		Protestant:	26	4%
			Baptist:	20	3%
			Christian:	10	2%
			Evangelical:	1	<1%
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Somali	752	99%	Muslim:	752	99%
South Sudanese	1	<1%	Christian	1	>1%
Total	753				

Kenya Fy17 Q2					
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RAD Circuit Ride 2 (February 27-April 14)/Team Size 11: PENDING DECISION					
<u>Nationality</u>	<u># of Cases</u>	<u>Percentage</u>	<u>Religion</u>	<u># of Cases</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
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Ugandan	20	0.02	Pentacostal:	14	2%
South Sudanese	15	0.02	Catholic:	12	1%
Eritrean	5	<1%	Orthodox:	10	0.01
Kenyan (V93)	4	<1%	Baptist:	2	<1%
Burundian	3	<1%	Methodist:	2	<1%
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Total	823		Evangelican:	1	<1%
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South Sudanese	5	<1%	Muslim:	110	16%
Burundian	3	<1%	7th Day Adventist	90	13%
Ethiopian	2	<1%	Baptist	90	13%
Eritrean	2	<1%	Jehovah's Witness	34	0.05

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IO	Colombo, Sri Lanka (CANCELLED)	02/13 – 02/17	3
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	DECISION)	day)	
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RAD	Burundi (PENDING DECISION)	2/25/ - 3/25	5
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RAD	Kenya/Ethiopia (PENDING DECISION)	2/27 – 4/14	11
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Sudan	173	29%			
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Lebanon FY17 Q2					
RAD Circuit Ride 1 (February 3-March 18)/Team Size 5: CANCELLED					
RAD Circuit Ride 2 (March 10-April 8)/Team Size 5: PENDING DECISION					
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Nationality	# of Cases	Percentage	Religion	# of Cases	Percentage
Iraq	334	96%	Muslim	293	84%
Palestinian	11	3%	Yazidi	42	12%
			Christian	10	2.8%

Austria FY17 Q2						
RAD Circuit Ride 1 (January 23-February 24)/Team Size 1: ONGOING (RAD could send a second team member next weekend –original team was supposed to be 2)						
RAD Circuit Ride 2 (March 18-April 20)/Team Size 3: ONGOING (in light of this weekend's decisions)						
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Iran	~350	100%		Christian	221	88.4%
				Jewish	4	1.6%
				Bahai	unknown	
				Zoroastrian	25	10%

Israel FY17 Q2						
RAD Circuit Ride (February 2-February 24)/Team Size 3: CANCELLED						
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Ethiopia	2	2%				
Iraq	1	1%				

Turkey Fy17 Q2						
RAD Circuit Ride 1 (February 6-March 22)/Team Size 28: CANCELLED						
Nationality	# of Cases	Percentage		Religion	# of Cases	Percentage
Afghanistan	36	3.8%		Christians	222	23.5%
Eritrea	1	0.1%		Muslims	592	62.8%
Iran	290	30.8%		No religion	77	8.2%
Iraq	500	53%		Atheist	6	0.63%
Palestine	1	0.1%		Bahai	35	3.7%
Somalia	6	0.63%		Jehovah Witness	1	0.1%
Sudan	1	0.1%		Kakai	4	0.4%
Syria	107	11.4%		Zoroastrians	1	0.1%
Total	942			Yazidi	1	0.1%
				Other	3	0.3%

Note: the last two weeks of the CR has not yet been scheduled. Historically, ICMC does not schedule the last two weeks until the middle of the CR, to allow for expedites, unexpected issues, etc.

Trinidad Fy17 Q2						
RAD Circuit Ride (March 6-March 15)/Team Size 1: PENDING DECISION						
Nationality	# of Cases	Percentage		Religion	# of Cases	Percentage
Syria	5	45%		Christian	5	45%

Nauru Fy17 Q2						
RAD Circuit Ride (January 29-February 25)/Team Size 5: CURRENTLY CANCELLED BUT PENDING DECISION						
Nationality	# of Cases	Percentage		Religion	# of Cases	Percentage
Afghan	17	11%		Muslim	93	63%
Bangladesh	3	2%		Muslim-Christian Converts (Iranians)	55	37%
Burma	21	14%				
Iran	55	37%				
Somali	18	12%				
Pakistani	6	4%				
Sri Lankan	14	9%				
Iraq	8	5%				
Lebanon	5	3%				
Palestine	1	1%				

Tanzania Fy17 Q2						
RAD Circuit Ride February 12-March 21/Team Size 12: CANCELLED						
<u>Nationality</u>	# of Cases	Percentage		<u>Religion</u>	# of Cases	Percentage
Congolese	584	~100%		Christian:	~175	~30%
				Catholic:	~128	~22%
				Methodist:	~105	~18%
				Other Christian denom:	~146	~25%
				Other		~< 5%

Country Malaysia Fy17 Q2						
RAD Circuit Ride (March 9-March 26)/Team Size 9: PENDING DECISION						
Nationality	# of Cases	Percentage		Religion	# of Cases	Percentage
Iraq	12	35%		Muslim	33	97%
Somalia	3	1%				
Sudan	1	1%				
Iran	4	1%				
Syria	2	1%				

Burundi Fy17 Q2						
RAD Circuit Ride 1 (January 27-February 26)/Team Size 5: CANCELLED						
RAD Circuit Ride 2 (February 25-March 25)/Team Size 5: PENDING DECISION						
Nationality	# of Cases	Percentage		Religion	# of Cases	Percentage
Congolese	258	100%		Protestant	126	49%
				Pentecostal	44	17%
				Catholic	41	16%
				Muslim	24	9%
				Methodist	17	7%
				Jehovah's Witness	2	< 1%
				Christian	2	< 1%
				7 th Day Adventist	1	< 1%
				Other	1	< 1%

Chad Fy17 Q2						
RAD Circuit Ride 1 (February 3-March 17)/Team Size 5: CANCELLED						
RAD Circuit Ride 2 (February 10-March 22)/Team Size 6: CANCELLED						
<u>Nationality</u>	<u># of Cases</u>	<u>Percentage</u>		<u>Religion</u>	<u># of Cases</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Sudanese	419	67%		Muslim:	533	85%
CAR	204	33%		Catholic:	36	6%
Total	623			Protestant:	26	4%
				Baptist:	20	3%
				Christian:	10	2%
				Evangelical:	1	<1%
				Pentecostal:	1	<1%

Ethiopia Fy17 Q2					
RAD Circuit Ride (February 5-March 23)/Team Size 9: CANCELLED					
<u>Nationality</u>	<u># of Cases</u>	<u>Percentage</u>	<u>Religion</u>	<u># of Cases</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Somali	752	99%	Muslim:	752	99%
South Sudanese	1	<1%	Christian	1	>1%
Total	753				

Kenya Fy17 Q2					
RAD Circuit Ride 1 (January 30-March 17)/Team Size 13: CANCELLED					
RAD Circuit Ride 2 (February 27-April 14)/Team Size 11: PENDING DECISION					
<u>Nationality</u>	<u># of Cases</u>	<u>Percentage</u>	<u>Religion</u>	<u># of Cases</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Somali	626	76%	Muslim:	673	82%
Congolese	82	10%	Christian:	83	10%
Ethiopian	65	0.08	Protestant:	23	3%
Ugandan	20	0.02	Pentacostal:	14	2%
South Sudanese	15	0.02	Catholic:	12	1%
Eritrean	5	<1%	Orthodox:	10	0.01
Kenyan (V93)	4	<1%	Baptist:	2	<1%
Burundian	3	<1%	Methodist:	2	<1%
Rwandan	3	<1%	Lutheran:	1	<1%
Total	823		Evangelican:	1	<1%
			7th Day Adventist:	1	<1%

Uganda Fy17 Q2					
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<u>Nationality</u>	<u># of Cases</u>	<u>Percentage</u>	<u>Religion</u>	<u># of Cases</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
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Somali	79	12%	Catholic:	127	19%
South Sudanese	5	<1%	Muslim:	110	16%
Burundian	3	<1%	7th Day Adventist	90	13%
Ethiopian	2	<1%	Baptist	90	13%
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Total	670		Orthodox:	2	<1%
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Shirk, Georgette L

From: Stone, Mary M
Sent: Sunday, January 29, 2017 11:11 AM
To: Strack, Barbara L; Ruppel, Joanna; Nicholson, Maura J
Subject: RE: EO implementation
Attachments: Q2 Breakdown of Nationalities and Religions with CR Information 1.29.17.docx

I've updated our nationality chart with the circuit ride information. Maura – do you just want to add IOs to this? I'm still trying to track down information for Narau to add before we submit to Lori.

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Barbara – I'm online. I think what is being asked for is the number of circuit riders along with this nationality breakdown (attached). Is that correct? If so, I can add the number of circuit riders to this list.

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Maura - Looks like we should do a consolidated response.

On #1, I will ask PRM.

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#3: I've got a hard copy of RAD's Q2 circuit ride which I can type up. MM, if you are online can you let me know? Would you have access to the electronic version of the breakdown that you put together?

#4: I don't think that we can get RSO assessments today. I'm not sure how willing they will be to devote resources to this request when the likelihood of our traveling is small. Also query how meaningful an assessment today would be for travel at future dates.

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#6: can IO take the lead?

From: Scialabba, Lori L
Sent: Sunday, January 29, 2017 9:42:19 AM
To: Strack, Barbara L; Ruppel, Joanna; Stone, Mary M

Cc: Renaud, Tracy L; Scialabba, Lori L

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Sorry for the fire drill on a Sunday especially when we had one on Saturday too.

Thanks,

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Iraq	334	96%	Muslim	293	84%
Palestinian	11	3%	Yazidi	42	12%
			Christian	10	2.8%

Austria FY17 Q2

RAD Circuit Ride 1 (January 23-February 24)/Team Size 1: ONGOING (RAD could send a second team member next weekend –original team was supposed to be 2)

RAD Circuit Ride 2 (March 18-April 20)/Team Size 3: ONGOING (in light of this weekend's decisions)

Nationality	# of Cases	Percentage		Religion	# of Cases	Percentage
Iran	~350	100%		Christian	221	88.4%
				Jewish	4	1.6%
				Bahai	unknown	
				Zoroastrian	25	10%

Israel FY17 Q2					
RAD Circuit Ride (February 2-February 24)/Team Size 3: CANCELLED					
Nationality	# of Cases	Percentage	Religion	# of Cases	Percentage
Eritrea	76	76%	Christian	86	86%
Sudan	21	21%	Muslim	14	14%
Ethiopia	2	2%			
Iraq	1	1%			

Turkey Fy17 Q2					
RAD Circuit Ride 1 (February 6-March 22)/Team Size 28: CANCELLED					
Nationality	# of Cases	Percentage	Religion	# of Cases	Percentage
Afghanistan	36	3.8%	Christians	222	23.5%
Eritrea	1	0.1%	Muslims	592	62.8%
Iran	290	30.8%	No religion	77	8.2%
Iraq	500	53%	Atheist	6	0.63%
Palestine	1	0.1%	Bahai	35	3.7%
Somalia	6	0.63%	Jehovah Witness	1	0.1%
Sudan	1	0.1%	Kakai	4	0.4%
Syria	107	11.4%	Zoroastrians	1	0.1%
Total	942		Yazidi	1	0.1%
			Other	3	0.3%

Note: the last two weeks of the CR has not yet been scheduled. Historically, ICMC does not schedule the last two weeks until the middle of the CR, to allow for expedites, unexpected issues, etc.

Trinidad Fy17 Q2					
RAD Circuit Ride (March 6-March 15)/Team Size 1: PENDING DECISION					
Nationality	# of Cases	Percentage	Religion	# of Cases	Percentage
Syria	5	45%	Christian	5	45%

Country Malaysia Fy17 Q2						
RAD Circuit Ride (March 9-March 26)/Team Size 9: PENDING DECISION						
Nationality	# of Cases	Percentage		Religion	# of Cases	Percentage
Iraq	12	35%		Muslim	33	97%
Somalia	3	1%				
Sudan	1	1%				
Iran	4	1%				
Syria	2	1%				

Burundi Fy17 Q2						
RAD Circuit Ride 1 (January 27-February 26)/Team Size 5: CANCELLED						
RAD Circuit Ride 2 (February 25-March 25)/Team Size 5: PENDING DECISION						
<u>Nationality</u>	<u># of Cases</u>	<u>Percentage</u>		<u>Religion</u>	<u># of Cases</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Congolese	258	100%		Protestant	126	49%
				Pentecostal	44	17%
				Catholic	41	16%
				Muslim	24	9%
				Methodist	17	7%
				Jehovah's Witness	2	< 1%
				Christian	2	< 1%
				7 th Day Adventist	1	< 1%
				Other	1	< 1%

Chad Fy17 Q2						
RAD Circuit Ride 1 (February 3-March 17)/Team Size 5: CANCELLED						
RAD Circuit Ride 2 (February 10-March 22)/Team Size 6: CANCELLED						
<u>Nationality</u>	# of Cases	Percentage		<u>Religion</u>	# of Cases	Percentage
Sudanese	419	67%		Muslim:	533	85%
CAR	204	33%		Catholic:	36	6%
Total	623			Protestant:	26	4%
				Baptist:	20	3%
				Christian:	10	2%
				Evangelical:	1	<1%
				Pentecostal:	1	<1%

Ethiopia Fy17 Q2					
RAD Circuit Ride (February 5-March 23)/Team Size 9: CANCELLED					
<u>Nationality</u>	<u># of Cases</u>	<u>Percentage</u>	<u>Religion</u>	<u># of Cases</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Somali	752	99%	Muslim:	752	99%
South Sudanese	1	<1%	Christian	1	>1%
Total	753				

Kenya Fy17 Q2					
RAD Circuit Ride 1 (January 30-March 17)/Team Size 13: CANCELLED					
RAD Circuit Ride 2 (February 27-April 14)/Team Size 11: PENDING DECISION					
<u>Nationality</u>	<u># of Cases</u>	<u>Percentage</u>	<u>Religion</u>	<u># of Cases</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Somali	626	76%	Muslim:	673	82%
Congolese	82	10%	Christian:	83	10%
Ethiopian	65	0.08	Protestant:	23	3%
Ugandan	20	0.02	Pentacostal:	14	2%
South Sudanese	15	0.02	Catholic:	12	1%
Eritrean	5	<1%	Orthodox:	10	0.01
Kenyan (V93)	4	<1%	Baptist:	2	<1%
Burundian	3	<1%	Methodist:	2	<1%
Rwandan	3	<1%	Lutheran:	1	<1%
Total	823		Evangelican:	1	<1%
			7th Day Adventist:	1	<1%

Uganda Fy17 Q2					
RAD Circuit Ride (January 28-March 8)/Team Size 13: CANCELLED					
<u>Nationality</u>	<u># of Cases</u>	<u>Percentage</u>	<u>Religion</u>	<u># of Cases</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Congolese	577	86%	Protestant:	185	28%
Somali	79	12%	Catholic:	127	19%
South Sudanese	5	<1%	Muslim:	110	16%
Burundian	3	<1%	7th Day Adventist	90	13%
Ethiopian	2	<1%	Baptist	90	13%
Eritrean	2	<1%	Jehovah's Witness	34	0.05

Sudanese	1	<1%	Christian	25	0.04
Egyptian	1	<1%	Methodist:	3	<1%
Total	670		Orthodox:	2	<1%
			Coptic:	1	<1%

Shirk, Georgette L

From: Stone, Mary M
Sent: Sunday, January 29, 2017 3:40 PM
To: Ruppel, Joanna; Nicholson, Maura J; Strack, Barbara L
Cc: Gulati, Sonia
Subject: RE: EO implementation
Attachments: EO SLB V1 RAD 1.29.17.docx

Joanna,

I've tried to put down the information requested (tweaking but not erasing the bullet they had already added). I did not list the information exactly as you outlined it but can do that if better...or can adapt to it tomorrow when hopefully we will have numbers to fill in.

From: Ruppel, Joanna
Sent: Sunday, January 29, 2017 4:34 PM
To: Stone, Mary M; Nicholson, Maura J; Strack, Barbara L
Subject: RE: EO implementation

I think at this point it can wait until tomorrow and we can regroup. Wondering how hard it will be to get the RAD data updated in CAMINO, at least to show a completion, so we know how many are pending. There must be some way that RAD is tracking what is pending so you know what is on your plate. You can advise on that tomorrow.

I think the only thing we are late on is reporting on the command center request on pending refugee interviews. Let's get that out and then time for people to rest.

Joanna

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From: Stone, Mary M
Sent: Sunday, January 29, 2017 4:14 PM
To: Ruppel, Joanna; Nicholson, Maura J; Strack, Barbara L
Subject: RE: EO implementation

I have 2 people in the office working on it now.

From: Ruppel, Joanna
Sent: Sunday, January 29, 2017 4:04:33 PM
To: Nicholson, Maura J; Stone, Mary M; Strack, Barbara L
Subject: RE: EO implementation

Thanks, Maura. Looks like we did not get the I-730 data for RAD? We didn't note that in the explanation, but we can go back and correct later. Not sure this will even come up on the call.

Mary M and Barbara – are you still working on the data from WRAPS for this?

Joanna

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From: Nicholson, Maura J
Sent: Sunday, January 29, 2017 4:01 PM
To: Ruppel, Joanna
Subject: RE: EO implementation

So as not to confuse, here's the doc with some I-730 data. We couldn't get all of it reported as Lori wanted, but it gives idea. Did you want to send forward? Don't want to add to the mix.

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To: Scialabba, Lori L; Renaud, Tracy L
Cc: Walters, Jessica S; Stone, Mary M; Scialabba, Lori L; Nicholson, Maura J
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Thanks,
Lori

Shirk, Georgette L

From: Nicholson, Maura J
Sent: Monday, January 30, 2017 12:07 PM
To: Monica, Donald J; Spalter, Brian M; Langlois, Joseph E; Johnson, Bobbie L; Fatica, Erin K; Lassen, Brett H
Cc: Ruppel, Joanna; Kliska, Jennifer R
Subject: RE: Interim Guidance on Executive Order Signed January 27

DDs/DDDs,

Just to clarify, below is the official guidance for you to follow right now. The draft guidance that you commented on this past weekend has not yet been cleared for issuance and the situation continues to evolve. You'll note there were some differences between the guidance I provided below and what had been in the draft guidance I had you comment on. Please only follow the guidance below for now.

Thanks,

Maura

From: Nicholson, Maura J
Sent: Sunday, January 29, 2017 7:58 PM
To: Monica, Donald J; Spalter, Brian M; Langlois, Joseph E; Johnson, Bobbie L; Fatica, Erin K; Lassen, Brett H
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Subject: Interim Guidance on Executive Order Signed January 27
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DDs/DDDs,

I realize that you have many questions about the Executive Order and appreciate that you have been sending them forward. Please continue to do so. Unfortunately, things remain in flux and we do not have cleared guidance we can provide other than the following for the next few days or less (if we get additional guidance sooner):

- Do not issue any final approvals for any I-730 refugee following to join cases. Further guidance will be coming about how to update CAMINO, etc.
- Do not issue any final approvals for any other application, including I-730 asylee following to join adjudication and travel eligibility cases for nationals or dual nationals of the 7 countries referenced in the Executive Order (Iraq, Iran, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, and Yemen), with the exception of I-131As (see attached email). You can approve I-131As for all applicants following existing guidance, which requires that you flag for HQ any with serious derogatory information for possible discretionary denials. Further guidance will be coming.
- If you have refugee cases scheduled for Monday or Tuesday of this week, please cancel them if there is sufficient time to do so. If there is not sufficient time to cancel, then please collect the applicant's biometrics, review his or her bio-data for accuracy and completeness, and inform the applicant that he/she will be notified when the case is able to proceed in the future.

Right now, we are staying the course on the refugee CR in Indonesia; the team on the ground can continue interviewing and processing the cases there until further notice.

The above guidance is only a stop-gap to assist in addressing the most urgent needs for the next couple of days when more detailed cleared guidance can be issued. Also, for awareness, OCOMM is working on talking points and FAQs related to the Executive Order, which should be issued via USCIS Broadcast soon.

I appreciate the difficulty of being on the front line and getting inquiries from the public and others for which we don't yet have complete answers. Many people throughout the Agency and Department are working hard to sort out the impact of the E.O. on the Agency, and I will continue to keep you posted.

Thank you for your continued patience as we navigate the current policy changes.

Maura

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Sent: Monday, January 30, 2017 11:29 AM
To: Fatica, Erin K; Lassen, Brett H; Langlois, Joseph E; Johnson, Bobbie L; Monica, Donald J; Spalter, Brian M
Cc: Bird, John W (Wally); Kliska, Jennifer R; Kwan, Stephanie M; McAllum, Jessica L; Peralta Mihalko, Maria P (Pilar); Rankin, Carrie A; Baker Finley, Kierra R (CTR); Benedict, Deborah L
Subject: Touch base call on EOs

Hi all,

As information relative to the impact of the EO continues to evolve, I thought it would be worthwhile to have another DD/DDD touch base call tomorrow morning, Tuesday, January 31, at 8:30 a.m. ET. That way I can share with you the latest information. There is reluctance to put out guidance in writing at the moment, as issues continue to morph and the agency is focusing on official guidance that will come out from Lori S. In the meantime, though, I can share with you any updates and collect additional questions from you.

For awareness, Debbie Benedict will be taking the lead with me in addressing any implementation issues related to the EO affecting parole programs. Jen Kliska will be helping me with the refugee and visa-related EO. They will be working closely with the other BCs who also have equities in these issues. Please cc them on any correspondence related to the EOs. Thanks!

I'll have Kierra send out an invite to you shortly. Hoping this timing will work – please do let me know if you have an issue. And I'm happy to continue to host these calls at regular intervals if they are helpful to you. We can chat about that tomorrow.

Kierra – can you assist in sending out an invite from me with a call-in number to those on this message?

Thanks,

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To: Nicholson, Maura J
Subject: RE: FOR REVIEW: Draft interim guidance on EO

Thanks. I have not read the attachment yet, but I agree that we should not process I-131As from the 7 countries until we get more guidance. From what I read in the press, the issue of LPRs is still quite muddy. Although Lori has told us this does not apply to LRPs, I think we need to get that in writing from the department. You can let them know that we have received some conflicting guidance on this and so agree we need to wait until we get something in writing from the Department. Might come today.

Joanna

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From: Nicholson, Maura J
Sent: Sunday, January 29, 2017 8:21 AM
To: Ruppel, Joanna
Subject: FW: FOR REVIEW: Draft interim guidance on EO

FYI. I'm going to share another email about the Cape Town CR.

From: Johnson, Bobbie L
Sent: Sunday, January 29, 2017 6:36:46 AM
To: Monica, Donald J; Nicholson, Maura J; Spalter, Brian M; Langlois, Joseph E; Fatica, Erin K; Lassen, Brett H
Cc: Kliska, Jennifer R
Subject: RE: FOR REVIEW: Draft interim guidance on EO

Maura,

Please see EMEA's full comments attached. In quick summary:

1. We strongly urge the cancelation of the Cape Town CR today and that our officers should not interview tomorrow. If it is too late to inform the applicants of the cancelation, then the officers can stay on the ground and fingerprint only until further guidance is provided.
2. There should be bright line guidance on both I-590s and I-730s without carve outs at this time, since we do not yet have the authority to make the exceptions the EO mentions.
 - a. For both I-730s and I-590s, cancel all interviews for now. If the interview cannot be canceled before the individual appears at our office, we should only fingerprint them. No exceptions for now.
3. We suggest completing RFRs if the decision would result in the underlying denial being upheld (which occurs approx. 65% of the time in EMEA).

4. We need cleared language for a wide variety of inquiries our offices are starting to get, both by phone and email. Examples are given in the attached comments. Even if that cleared language is simply "guidance will be forthcoming; please refer to the USCIS website" or "please contact CBP."
5. We do not agree our offices should adjudicate I-131As and issue boarding letters to individuals from any of the 7 named countries. This puts our FODs and officers who will sign off on these letters in a delicate position and may give the wrong signal to the individual, when ultimately CBP will have the final determination.

We very much appreciate how challenging it is to develop guidance right now. Thank you for the opportunity to provide input.

Bobbie

From: Monica, Donald J

Sent: Sunday, January 29, 2017 3:43 AM

To: Nicholson, Maura J; Spalter, Brian M; Johnson, Bobbie L; Langlois, Joseph E; Fatica, Erin K; Lassen, Brett H

Cc: Kliska, Jennifer R

Subject: RE: FOR REVIEW: Draft interim guidance on EO

Re: your request for comments on the interim guidance.

Part E references not issuing final decisions on any other form types. This should be clarified to address:

A. Does it include Forms I-407 since this is not an application or petition.

B. Is it intended to include beneficiaries irrespective of age? E.g., an I-130 or I-600 filed by a USC parent on behalf of a child from one of the designated countries.

C. Does it apply to mil Natz N-400s filed by members of the US military or eligible spouses who are nationals of one of the designated countries?

D. Does it apply to I-130s filed by a USC member of the military on behalf of a spouse or child who is a national of one of the designated countries?

Probably more to follow.

From: Nicholson, Maura J

Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 6:42:16 PM

To: Monica, Donald J; Spalter, Brian M; Johnson, Bobbie L; Langlois, Joseph E; Fatica, Erin K; Lassen, Brett H

Cc: Kliska, Jennifer R

Subject: FOR REVIEW: Draft interim guidance on EO

DDs/DDDs,

We are continuing to seek clarification on elements of the E.O. signed Friday night, so the situation remains rather fluid. That said, the attached is a draft outline of the guidance I'm hoping you can review – I want to ensure I've captured our immediate needs, understanding that we'll have fuller guidance once DHS implementing guidance is issued and USCIS is able to issue its own, as well. If you are able to provide a quick review and get me any comments or questions tomorrow, I'll incorporate your feedback into the 'final' interim guidance to the field tomorrow. Continue to send questions my way – they've been very helpful in flagging issues we need to address.

Still no decision on our 2 CRs. At this point, I don't expect I'll have a further update until after their processed ends on Monday, so the teams should plan to proceed business as usual. Hopefully with this knowledge they can fully enjoy their Sunday. I appreciate their patience very much; limbo is not a desirable place to be.

Thank you!

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